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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: WALDHEIM'S PREFERENCE FOR SECURITY
COUNCIL MEETING WEEK OF JULY 24

1. BEFORE A DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS WITH THE
SECRETARY GENERAL JULY 12, AMBASSADOR LEONARD BRIEFLY
REPORTED WORD WE HAD RECEIVED FROM LUANDA THAT THE
WESTERN CONTACT GROUP HAD REACHED AGREEMENT WITH SWAPO
ON THE WESTERN SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL.

2. WALDHEIM EXPRESSED GREAT PLEASURE AT THIS NEWS. HE
SAID HE WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO ADJUST HIS
ACTIVITIES TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ACTION
BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL, BUT HIS PERSONAL SCHEDULE WAS
FIXED FOR SIX WEEKS. IT WOULD BE MOST CONVENIENT FOR
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HIM IF COUNCIL ACTION ON NAMIBIA COULD BE SCHEDULED
DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 24, WHEN HE PLANS IN ANY EVENT
TO BE IN NEW YORK. HE SAID HE PLANS TO DEPART SUNDAY,
JULY 16, FOR DAMASCUS, FOLLOWED BY HIS ATTENDANCE AT
THE OAU SUMMIT IN KHARTOUM, AND THEN A POSSIBLE STOP
IN JIDDA ENROUTE BACK TO NEW YORK. DURING THE ENTIRE
MONTH OF AUGUST, COMMENCING WITH DEPARTURE FROM NEW YORK

ON AUGUST 2, HE HAS UNDERTAKEN VARIOUS CONFERENCES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS IN EUROPE AND WOULD NOT NORMALLY PLAN TO BE BACK IN NEW YORK UNTIL EARLY SEPTEMBER.

3. INDIAN PERM REP JAIPAL REMARKED TO LEONARD JULY 12 THAT HE HOPED COUNCIL ACTION ON NAMIBIA WOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL EARLY AUGUST. JAIPAL NOTED THAT AFRICAN AND OTHER NON-ALIGNED REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE PREOCCUPIED WITH THE KHARTOUM SUMMIT, FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY THE BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED MINISTERIAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES. AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER KHARTOUM (JULY 21), JAIPAL WAS OF THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE AWKWARD FOR THE AFRICANS TO PROVIDE PROPER REPRESENTATION IN NEW YORK.

4. THE WESTERN FIVE HAVE SCHEDULED A MEETING EARLY THURSDAY, JULY 13, TO DISCUSS THE TIMING OF A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING AND OTHER ACTIONS RELATING TO NAMIBIA. THEY HOPE BY THAT TIME TO HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE CONTACT GROUP'S REPORT OF ANY CONVERSATIONS ON COUNCIL TIMING THAT MAY HAVE BEEN HELD WITH THE AFRICANS IN LUANDA. LEONARD

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